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**June 5, 2003**

**Secretary Mary Cottrell**

Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

***RE: Petition of the Cape Light Compact Seeking Certification of Amended  
Energy Efficiency Plan, DTE 03-39***

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing in support of the Cape Light Compact Energy Efficiency Plan, Phase II, 2003-2007, which is currently being reviewed by the Department in DTE 03-39.

Our agency works with the Massachusetts Attorney General to provide consumers with information and to mediate complaints. As such we have direct contact with people on Cape Cod who are affected by the Cape Light Compact's programs and work.

I have long been active in efforts to reduce energy consumption and improve energy efficiency. For the past three years my organization has received grants from the Consumer Federation of America and worked with the US EPA to inform the public about the EPA/DOE Energy Star program. During that period I have had an opportunity to directly observe the activities of the Cape Light Compact and am satisfied they are moving ahead in the right direction. Their programs are benefiting every consumer on the Cape.

Since the Compact's original Energy Efficiency Plan was approved by the Department in 2001, Cape Cod residents and municipalities have received substantial benefits from its program. The Compact has been active in its efforts to provide information, audits and products that save consumers money on their electric bills. I recently participated in an "Energy Fair" with the Compact and others at Barnstable High School. My booth was directly across from the Compact's booth and I could see that residents were appreciative of the Compact's work on their behalf.

I urge you to approve the new Energy Efficiency Plan the Compact has proposed and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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